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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society

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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 the Society has been dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of "Vintage radio" and wireless equipment.

Membership in the Society is open to all who are actively interested in historic preservation. The dues are $25.00 for domestic membership, due on January 1st of each year (prorated quarterly).

The *Call Letter* has been a monthly publication since 1974. It was originated with the founder, Bob Bilbie, and our first president, Harley Perkins. Through several editors and with the assistance of numerous society members, the *Call Letter* has continued to be a publication that informs members of the society's business and that supports the hobby of collecting, preserving, and restoring vintage radios.

Society meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at the Abernethy Grange Hall at 15745 S. Harley Ave. in Oregon City, Oregon. They convene at or about 10 AM for the purpose of displaying radios, conducting Society business, and exchanging information. Guests are welcome at all Society meetings and functions (except board meetings).

Other Society functions include guest speakers, auctions, radio shows, and radio sales which are advertised in the *Call Letter* and are held in and around Portland.

With each issue of the *Call Letter*, we remember Jim Mason, a charter member of the society who remained active until his death in 1998. A generous bequest from Jim's estate ensures the vitality of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, and continued publication of the *Call Letter*.

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On the cover: This cute little valentine has graced the *Call Letter* cover once before, in February, 2002. The image is one that your editor found on the internet around ten years ago.

The next meeting is February 12, 2011.

Monthly Feature: Tube Test Equipment

Visit our web site at http://nwvrs.org.

Next *Call Letter* Deadline: March 3, 2011.

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From the Editor

by *Call Letter* editor, Rick Walton

Change is usually a good thing, but sometimes there can be too much of a good thing. That's how your editor has been feeling the last couple of weeks.The most daunting change for me is an upcoming move. My wife and I have decided to make a short move to an apartment in Wilsonville, Oregon. Regardless of the distance, any move disrupts established routines. The other major change facing me is the acquisition of a new printer for the Society. Finding and acquiring the right printer is proving more time-consuming than I would have expected.

Enough whining! This issue is crammed full of entertainment and information. As always, it is a real pleasure to have Mike Parker back with another "In the Shack" submission. Mike continues his report on his study of Powel Crosley, Jr., and the wide range of products that his company produced. In addition to our usual meeting minutes, President Dick Bixler reports on the board meeting held following last month's business meeting.

I want to particularly thank Society member (and fellow Xerox employee) Bruce Baur for making his printer available for publishing this month's *Call Letter.*

Always sunny & warm.

For a refreshing change, check it out!

Sunny 1550 KKAD

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	Herb Alpert - Tony Bennett - Michael Buble - Carpenters
	Nat King Cole - Perry Como - Neil Diamond - Diana Krall
	Barry Manilow - Johnny Mathis - Platters - Carly Simon
	Elvis - Frank Sinatra - Babara Streisand - Andy Williams

NWVRS Meeting Minutes

Liles Garcia, NWVRS Recording Secretary

President Dick Bixler called the January 8, 2011 meeting of the NorthWest Vintage Radio Society to order at 9:40 AM. He welcomed everyone present to our meeting. Liles Garcia read the minutes of the December meeting; the minutes were approved as printed in the January Call Letter. Cliff Tuttle gave the Treasurer's Report, and it was approved as provided by cliff. Ed Bennett, Ron Crawford, and Cedrick Stephen are new Society members; the group gave them a round of applause. Former member Ken Seymour has moved back into the area and renewed his membership. John Bucholtz said that the library is doing well. Mark Moore updated the group on new items that he has received. Dick briefly described our Society's Jim Mason Fund so that new members would know about it. Fellow Society member Frank Olberding is doing better. There were 63 people at our meeting today.

New Business

Annual Meeting--Today's meeting is our Society's Annual Meeting as discussed in our ByLaws. Cliff outlined a budget for the next year. He described how our Society makes money each year from dues and swap meets. He also described our yearly expenses which include the Call Letter, Christmas Party, building rent, and flowers.

Spring Swap Meet--Our Spring Show And Sale will be on May 14, 2011 in Aurora.

Tech Discussion

George Kirkwood talked to the group about a "Walbert Special 6" battery radio that he bought from Dick Bixler at our October Swap Meet. George told the group how he got the radio working. This radio is unique because it uses resistor-capacitor coupling even in the RF stages. He also tuned in some stations for the group. Members gave George a round of applause.

Program Topic

The Program Topic for today is "Kit Radios". Members showed and discussed the approximately 20 items that they brought. The Program Topic for February will be "Tube Test Equipment".

The meeting was adjourned.

Notes from the President

by Dick Bixler, NWVRS President

Some of our members "monitored" the board meeting which was held after our regular January meeting. For those who didn't, here's a brief report of what was discussed and which will be expanded and made to work in future regular meetings.

A technical committee will be established which will give help and support to members with common problems encountered in restoration of our beloved antiques. This will apply to simple electronics and cabinetry. we'll look to input from members as to their needs. If the need proves to be there we might provide a "loose-leaf", up-dateable style book with content like the club put out 20 or so years ago.

Members are doing some wonderful restorations of old beauties, many just a pile of sawdust and rust and this should be recognized and will be with a perpetual trophy awarded annually for the "best job".

Our Society will plan ahead for a summer picnic which will occur on a regular meeting day, possibly at a member's home in a backyard setting. More on this also as it develops.

The board will bring to the members a proposal for fund support for the Antique Wireless Association (AWA) new planned museum and headquarters. Since this is of a national scope Board members felt we should also support the museum at Bellingham, known to many as "John and John". The Board further recognizes our valuable non-profit status and the necessity to continue our efforts to protect this valuable status.

You'll be kept informed as these things develop. There will be more opportunities for our members to give input and participate in important committee work.

NWVRS Calendar of Events

Most of the hamfest and ham swap meet information comes from: PNW Hamfair web page at www.n7cfo.com/amradio/hf/hf.htm

February 12	**NWVRS** monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
February 19	Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet. Rickreall, Oregon at the Polk County Fairgrounds. http://www.w7sra.com.
March 12	**NWVRS** monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
March 12	Mike & Key Swap Meet. Puyallup fairgrounds exhibition hall, Puyallup, WA. For information, contact dmdink@yahoo.com or n7wa@arrl.net. http://www.mikeandkey.org/flea.htm.
April 9	**NWVRS** monthly meeting 10 am; tailgate swap 8:30.
April 22-24	Idaho State Convention. Garden City, ID, Voice of Idaho ARC. ARRL sanctioned. Info, Lynn Rasmussen, W7RAZ, (208)550-7710, w7raz24@gmail.com. http://www.idahostateconvention.com/

May 14 **NWVRS** Spring Swap/Sale at Aurora American Legion Hall, Aurora, Oregon.

May 14 Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood, WA. Always the second Saturday in May. Contact Vic, N7KRE (360)387-7705) nwecop@tgi.net http://www.scarcwa.org/

June 3-5 Sea-Pac Hamfest. Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon. ARRL sanctioned. ai9q@arrl.net www.seapac.org/

June 10, 11, 12 Wenatchee Hamfest 2011. Apple City ARC. Dryden Gun Club. Dryden, WA. Contact Jim, W7JBP at shultzjims@aol.com or Judy, at ka7zna@msn.com for information. http://www.qsl.net/w7td/

Roster Updates

New Members

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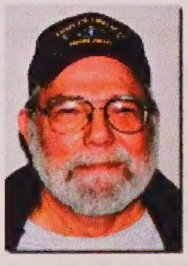
R **Ron Crawford** R
23940 Banks Ln.
Corvallis, Or 97333
541-929-5572
orland1@peak.org
interest - 1920 Radio

R. J. Rhodes
333 South State Street Suite V, 113
Lake Oswego, Or. 97034
503-635-6450
rhodesrj@gmail.com
Interests- Radios from the 20's and 30's

R **Robert Stephens** R
13085 SW Brightwood St
Beaverton, Or 97005
503-626-3036
robertwstephenson@frontier.com
Interest - Test equipment, Hifi, Vinyl



David Vrooman R
100 SW 195th Unit 6
Beaverton, Or. 97006-1954
503-466-0379
daveem1ss@frontier.com
interest - Old tube radios

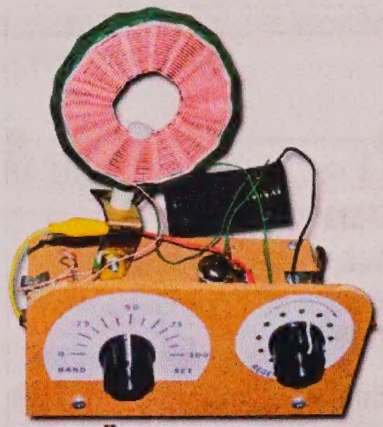
Photo Display

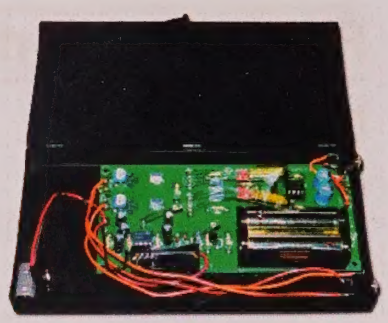
Photos by Rick Walton

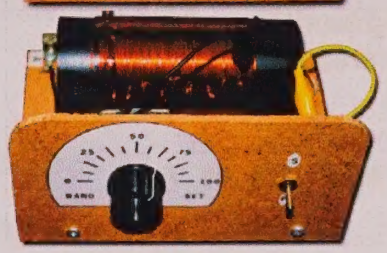
Kit radios displayed at the January meeting.

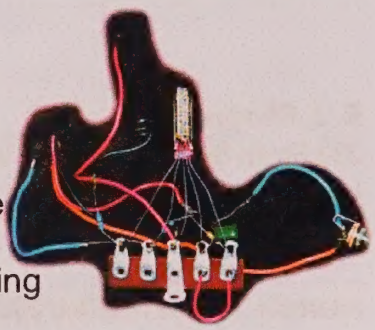
Heathkit Shortwave Receiver
Joe Burchyski

Remco - Blake Dietze







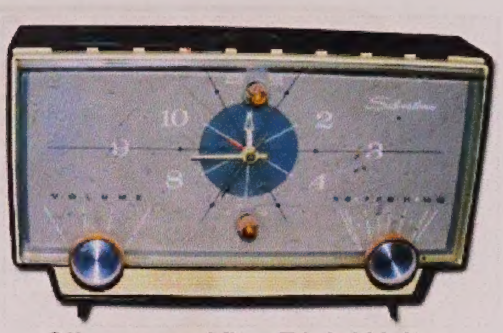


(*CW l-r*) RF Choke, 1-tube receiver., 2-tube receiver., 2-tube amp, 1-tube amp - Joe Fielding

Atwater-Kent Breadboard - George Kirkwood

Battery set from Charman collection - Liles Garcia

Dick Smith Electronics of Australia - Sid Saul

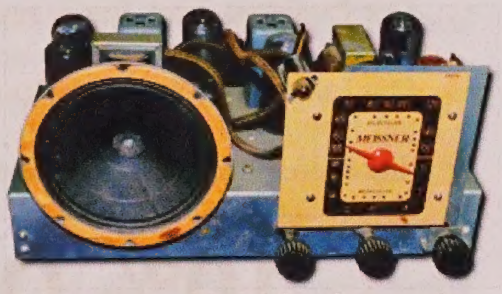


Silvertone Kit - Rick Walton

Knightkit Space Receiver - Brian Toon

Heathkits: CR-1, K-1, Broadcaster - Brian Toon

Philmore - Ray Vanderzanden

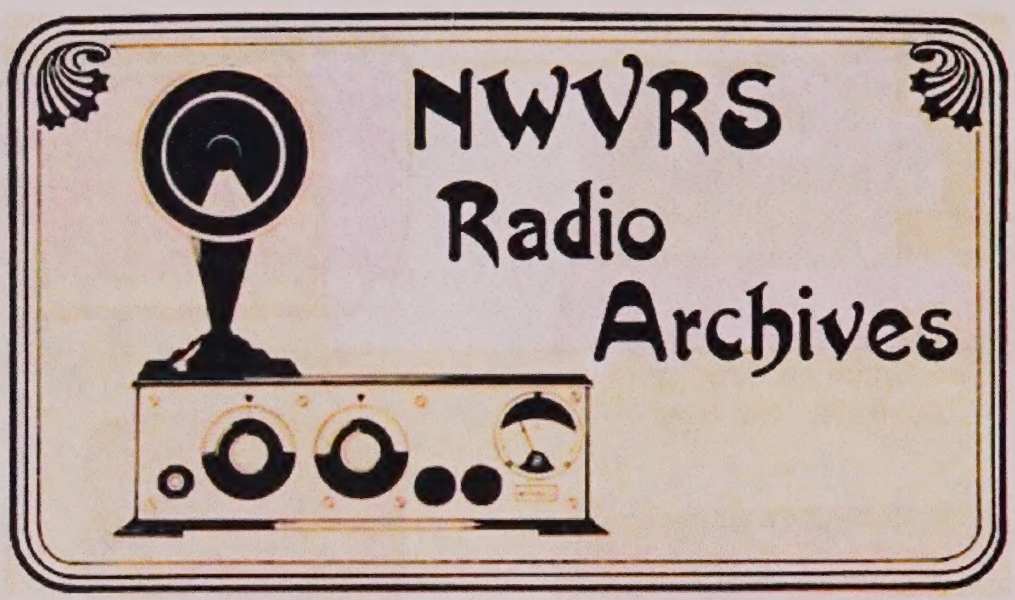


Meissner - Ray Vanderzanden

2011 Dues are Due!

A reminder from Cliff Tuttle, NWVRS Treasurer

Currently there are 75 paid up members. If you haven't yet paid your 2011 dues, remember that you can mail them to the society address. While you're at it, check your listing in the latest roster and add a note in the envelope with any updates, corrections, etc., so we can get them incorporated into the next roster.



by Mark Moore, NWVRS Archivist

Several more great items were donated to the NWVRS Archives this past month:

- Mike McCrow brought us an interesting paperback book entitled "The Simplicity of Radio - The Blue Book of Radio" by Powell Crosley Jr.
- Bob Campbell donated an FCC Study Guide with Reference Material for Commercial Radio Operator Examinations that is dated July 1, 1939.
- Blake Dietz brought us a printed circuit board with the NWVRS "Hunkerdyne" logo.
- Our President, Dick Bixler rescued a Conley Radio Supply Catalog from 1981.
- Our Librarian, John Bucholtz rescued two more of the metal plaques with our club logo

Thanks to all who have rescued and donated items to the NWVRS Archives.

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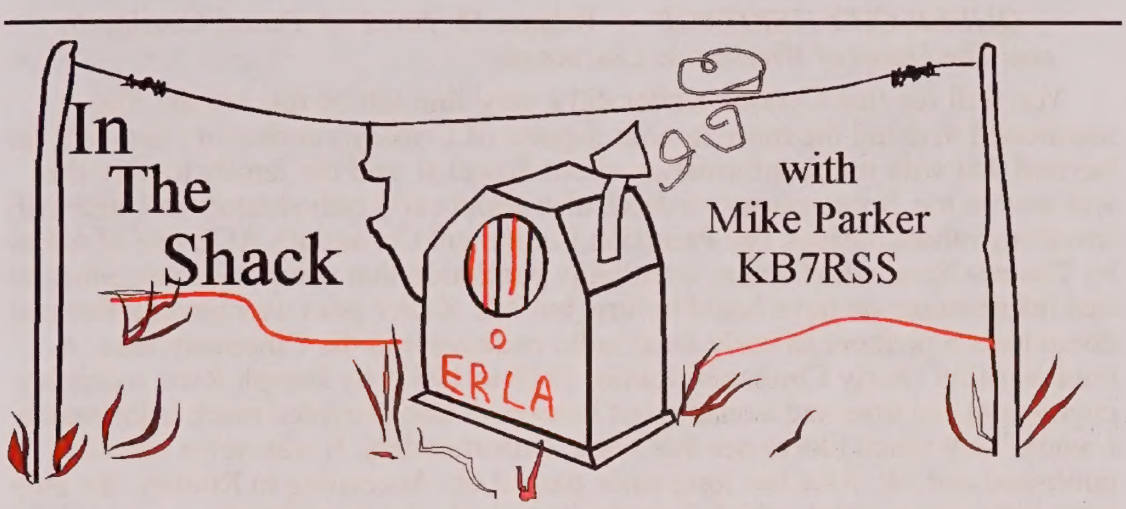
Please show your current NWVRS membership card to receive discount.



Crazily Over Crosley Names II

By Mike Parker

With this article, I am going to add some information to my previous article about Powel Crosley Jr. that last appeared in the 'Call Letter' issue of May, 2010.

I have gained some new information regarding the illustrious Mr. Crosley recently in a very interesting way. I received an e-mail from Rodney Rodgers, Historian and President of the Norwood, Ohio Historical Society. Norwood is an independent city that is surrounded by Cincinnati and I had previous contact with him concerning my Bosworth radios, which were made in Norwood. It was through Rodney that I was able to list Bosworth Electric Mfg. Co. as a manufacturing business once located in Norwood in the society's roster. This was covered in the 'Call Letter' of Sept., 2009 for more detail.

During that time Rodney and I had discussed Crosley and if their plant was located in Norwood. It was not, but located nearby Norwood. Rodney said he would keep me in mind if he found any additional radio manufacturing information locally. He did just that with the new information he sent.

The Cincinnati Historical Society Library has quite an extensive interest in local history. The link Rodney sent is to a very good article about Powel Crosley Jr. written by a library historian, Cynthia Keller. It is entitled "The Dawn of Wireless in Cincinnati" published in 1997.

The article can be viewed on line, but I must say that if you are computer challenged, (I will raise my hand!) you may want help. Using the long address, the server is very quick to forget you if you don't log on promptly. I contacted Rodney and got a step by step procedure which works fine if you are careful! Here it is:

1. Go to the Cincinnati Museum website…
   http://library.cincymuseum.org/
2. Select DIGITAL JOURNALS
3. Click on SEARCH OR BROWSE
4. For Keyword type POWEL CROSLEY and click on SEARCH
5. Several listings will be displayed, the one you want is:

QUEEN CITY HERITAGE –> Volume 55, No. 2 –> Powel Crosley Jr. and The Dawn of Wireless in Cincinnati.

You will see that Cynthia Keller did a very fine job on this article! She mentioned in detail the more famous aspects of Crosley's endeavors but went far beyond that with much information about Powel Jr. and the family history that was new to me. Some extensive detail also about early radio history in Cincinnati involving others besides The Precision Equipment Co. and it's ACE line of radios by Thomas New, who Crosley eventually purchased that company from. Much of that information we have heard before, but Ms. Keller goes way beyond that and documents a plethora of early local radio endeavors in the Cincinnati area. A book entitled "Early Cincinnati Radio, 1910 to 1970" by Joseph Rice, a Crosley engineer at one time and a resident of Norwood, also provided much information. I would very much like to see this book. Unfortunately, It was never actually published and Mr. Rice has long since passed on. According to Rodney, the only copy is the manuscript, which is in the historical society archives.

I certainly commend Cynthia Keller for such a fine, extremely detailed account of Powel Crosley Jr. All in all, the article is well worth reading!

There are two new items gleaned from the article that I would like to mention. They have to do with Powel Crosley Jr. and his seemingly endless supply of 'gadgets' and his own names associated with them:

- The KOOLREST, a bed cooling device. I have no details but it could have been an electric cooling device for a bed.
- The READO. This is a radio related device, a facsimile transmitter and receiver using radio waves instead of the usual fax device using conventional telephone wire circuits! It was sold as a kit that you could build for just under $50 and the signals were supposedly transmitted/received over Crosley station WLW after hours. Given the erratic nature of radio waves, I just can't help but wonder if static crashes and other interference bugaboos produced missing or garbled text!

Names of Some Non-Radio Products:

CY-CAR . . . . . Hybrid Motorcycle-Automobile
DRIKLENIT . . . . Automobile Polish
GO-BY-BY . . . . . Baby Walker
ICYBALL . . . . . Refrigerator (Kerosene Absorption)
KOOLREST . . . . Bed Cooler
LIL SHOFUR . . . Automobile Wheel Re-director (portable)
MOONBEAM . . . Airplane
SHELVADOR . . . Refrigerator (Electric with shelves in door) patented
TREDKOTE . . . . Automobile Window Calking
X-ER-VAC . . . . . Hair Growing Machine

Names of Radio Products:

ADMINISTRATOR	DISCOVERER	MAYOR	SENATOR
ADVENTURER	DYNACONE	MERRIMAC	SEPTET
ALDERMAN		MERRY MAKER	SEXTET
AMBASSADOR	ELF	MINSTREL	SHOW BOY
ANNOUNCER		MONOTRAD	SHOWBOX
ARBITER	FIVER	MUSICALE	SHOWCHEST
		MUSICONE	SONDO
BANDBOX	GEMBOX		SONGSTER
BIGFELLA	GEMCHEST	NEW BUDDY	SONNETEER
BUCCANEER	GOVERNER	NOMAD	SONNIBOY
BUDDY			SYMPHONY
BUDDY BOY	HAPPY HOUR	ORACLE	
	HARKO		TENACE
CAROLER		PAL	TENSTRIKE
CHEERIO	JEWELBOX	PARTNER	TOTEM
CHIEF	JOHNNY SMOKER	PLAY BOY	TRIRDYN
CHUM	JUDGE	PLAYMATE	TROUBADOR
CLASSMATE	JUSTICE	PRESTOTUNE	TYNAMITE
COMMISSONER		PUP	
COMRADE	LEGISLATOR		UNITRAD
CONGRESSMAN	LIBRARY UNIVERSAL	READO-Radio Fac-simile	
CORSAIR	LITLBOY	ROAMIO	VAGABOND
CRESCENDON	LITLFELLA	RONDEAU	
CRONY	LOWAVE		WIGIT
		SAMPLER	WLW
DIRECTOR	MATE	SECRETARY	WOOD'S DESK

The two new items have been entered in the above list. I will be sure to report any new information concerning the ubiquitous Powel Crosley Jr. in a future article.

QSO you next time, IN THE SHACK

Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Thousands of tubes, hundreds of radio parts, panels, meters, surplus, etc. R5-D3 electronic surplus, Bob Lee, 9770 S.E. Stanley Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97222, (503) 513-0410

FOR SALE: **Mister Resistor has thousands of resistors plus over a thousand tubes all at LOW LOW prices. If you need either contact John Bucholtz at 360-693-7135 or e-mail at Bucholtz3049@comcast.net.

WANTED: Vintage test equipment in need of repair. I am bargain hunting and learning repair/calibration. Let me know what you are looking to unload. Robert robertwstephens@frontier.com or 503-626-3036

Radio Service

These members have indicated they are willing to perform radio repairs:

Roger Brown – (503) 693-6089

Bruce Baur - (503)-708-4537, brucebaur@comcast.net

Blake Dietze – (360) 944-7172, wb6jhj@ix.netcom.com

Jack Doyle – (503) 305-8097

Pat Hickman – (503) 887-9015 Web: www.classictubeaudio.com
Email: phickman@comcast.net

Todd Ommert – (503) 246-4141 Web: www.burlingame-radio.com
Email: burltv@msn.com

Tony Ranft – (360) 944-8489 or walterranft@hotmail.com – General repairs.

Dave Wise – (503) 648-0897, david_wise@phoenix.com

If you are willing to repair radios, give your name, phone and/or e-mail, and any comments to the *Call Letter* editor.

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Leads and Needs

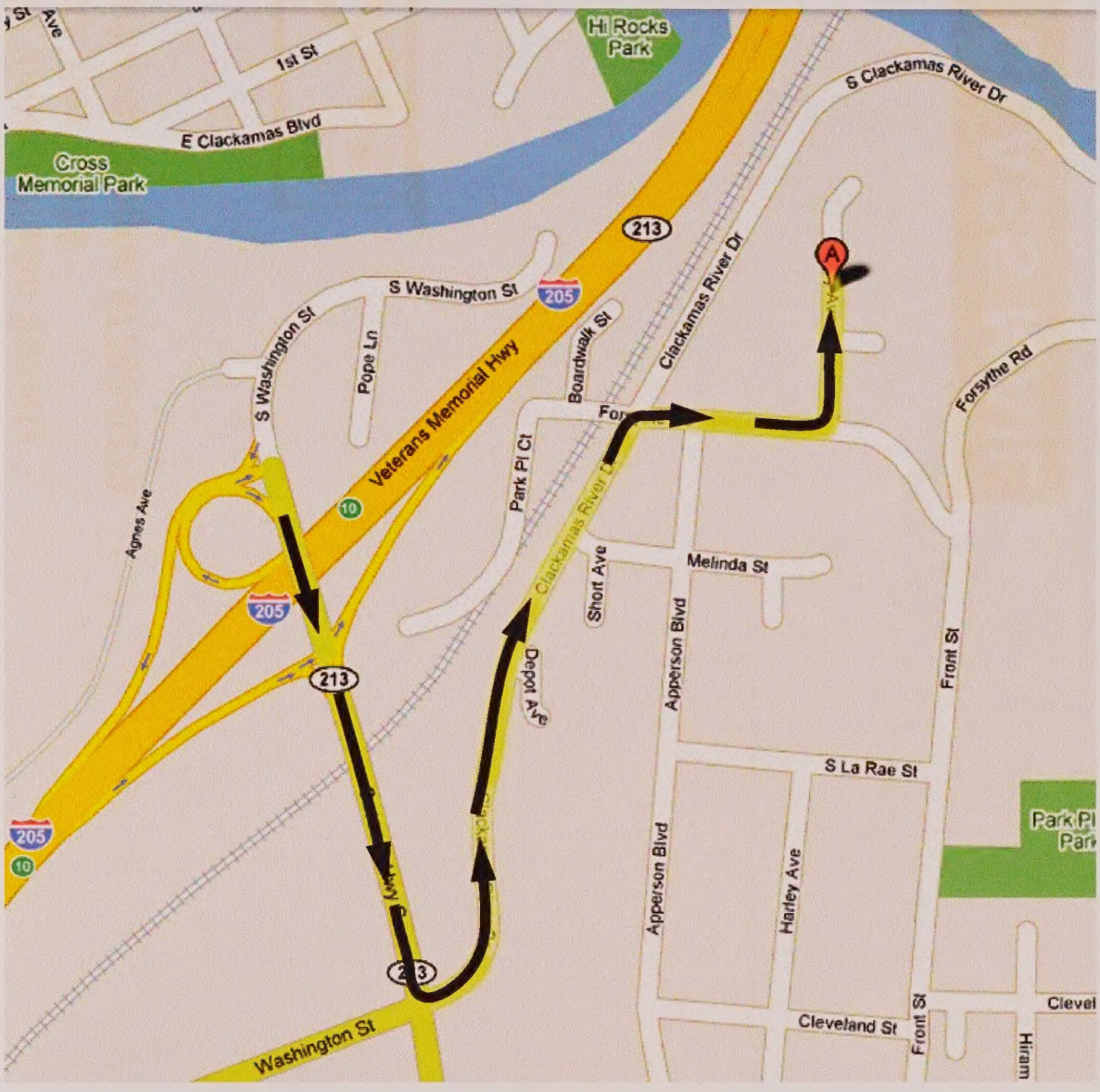
Questions about restoration of vintage radio? Visit Radiolaguy's web site often for this information plus lots of other interesting displays, photos, virtual museum plus lots of other information on vintage radio and television. Oh, yes, there are items for sale as well and NVRS members get a substantial discount on most of these items. Thank You, Sonny the Radiola Guy
Visit my vintage radio web site: http://www.radiolaguy.com

New Caps & Shirts!

New caps and new shirts are available. Caps are $10, and shirts are $22 for M & L sizes, $24 for XL. Contact Tony Hauser for more information.

Meeting Location

Here is a map (thanks to Google Maps) to the Abernethy Grange Hall (the pointer marked "A"), where the Northwest Vintage Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Just follow the arrows on the map.



To get to the Abernethy Grange Hall:

1. Exit I-205 at SR-213 (Exit 10 to Molalla) and head south on 213.
2. At the first intersection (the traffic light), turn left onto Clackamas River Dr.
3. Turn right at Forsythe Rd.
4. Turn left onto Harley Ave. The Grange Hall is on the left about a block and a half.

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